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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF THE COCAINE BEGINS

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[1](#)B. NAIROBI 1113

Classified By: Political Counselor Michael J. Fitzpatrick for reasons
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[1](#)1. (SBU) U.S., U.K., United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime experts, together with Kenyan law enforcement authorities and chemists, began the physical verification of the 955 packets (twenty-two foot lockers) of cocaine on March 28. The international team estimates that it will take several days to physically verify, weigh, sample, and perform as many as four different tests on all or samples of the 1 ton-plus seizure. The four parties' intent remains to comply with Magistrate Muchelule's instructions that the entire seizure (except perhaps for the 42 packets that are official exhibits in the ongoing trial of the six individuals charged in connection to the seizure) be incinerated at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 31.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Post expects high-level GOK officials and several foreign dignitaries to participate in the public ceremony to kick off the destruction of the historical cocaine haul. The incineration may take up to eight hours given the magnitude of the seizure. International experts intend to refrain from providing partial results or to comment upon the exercise, other than to confirm that the process is ongoing.
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